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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF HONG KONG GOVERNMENT INFORMATION
SERVICE BULLETIN ITEM RELEASED EVENING OF FEBRUARY 26, 1974:
" THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM YESTERDAY (FEBRUARY
25) ACCEDED TO THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE
IN TEXTILES ON HONG KONG'S BEHALF.

THE ARRANGEMENT WAS CONCLUDED ON DECEMBER 20 LAST YEAR
IN GENEVA FOLLOWING SEVERAL MONTHS OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS
AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF SOME FORTY GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING
HONG KONG, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT).

IT RUNS FOR FOUR YEARS FROM JANUARY 1, 1974.

THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, COVERING COTTON, WOOL AND MAN-MADE
FIBRE TEXTILES, REPLACES THE COTTON TEXTILES ARRANGEMENTS
WHICH EXPIRED ON DECEMBER 31, 1973 AFTER BEING IN EFFECT
FOR OVER ELEVEN YEARS.

COMMENTING ON THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, A SPOKESMAN OF
THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID THAT WHILE
HONG KONG STILL BELIEVED IN FREE TRADE AND WOULD PREFER
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TO SEE ALL SUCH RESTRICTIVE ARRANGEMENTS REMOVED, THE

NEW TERMS REPRESENTED AN IMPROVEMENT ON THE COTTON TEXTILES ARRANGEMENT.

OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE IS A PROVISION FOR A TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY TO OVERSEE THE WORKINGS OF THE NEW ARRANGEMENT.

SUCH INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION WILL OFFER A NEW PROTECTION FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE EXPORTERS WHOSE TRADE IS LIABLE TO BE RESTRICTED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN THE COURSE OF 1974, HONG KONG WOULD BE JOINING CONSULTATIONS WITH A NUMBER OF IMPORTING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U.S.A. AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, TO MODIFY THE EXISTING RESTRAINT ARRANGEMENTS AND BRING THEM INTO LINE WITH THE TERMS OF THE NEW ARRANGEMENT.

THESE CONSULTATIONS SHOULD LEAD TO A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE TERMS UNDER WHICH HONG KONG TEXTILE EXPORTS ARE AT PRESENT RESTRAINED. "

2. ANNOUNCEMENT APPEARED IN FEBRUARY 27 MORNING PAPERS TOGETHER WITH REPORT THAT U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM ARRIVING IN HONG KONG "IN EARLY MARCH". ALLEN UNQTE CASEY

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